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1. LAST NIGHT I TALKED WITH MEDHANIE JOSEPH, ASST GOV GEN, WHOSE REMOVAL IS DEMANDED BY STRIKERS. HE SAID THAT AFTER PAY DEMANDS WERE MET BY GOVGEN, IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW, ONLY HARD-CORE GROUP OF 5 STRIKERS CONTINED TO PRESS FOR HIS REMOVAL. MEDHANIE BELIEVES TESFAIOHANNES BERHE, FORMER VICE GOV GEN AND NOW MIN OF MINES IS BEHIND GROUP. THE STRIKERS LIST OF PEOPLE TO BE REMOVED NOW INCLUDES ALL 4 ASST GOV GENS, THE GOV GEN, AND VICE MIN FOR AFF SOLOMON TECLE. BEJ. FETENE TESHOME IS BEING TRANSFERRED TO ADDIS MONDAY, AS A RESULT OF PRESSURE ON HIM. MAJ GEN SEYOUM, 2ND DIV CO AND COL. TSEGAYE, CHIEF OF SEC. AND IMMIGRATION, ARE ON THE COMMITTEE TO ARBITRATE THE STRIKERS DEMANDS. SEVERAL OF THE ABOVE OFFICIALS ARE ON THE JOINT WORKING GROUP FOR THE PHASE-DOWN OF KAGNEW STATION.

2. INLAND REVENUE DEPT IS ON STRIKE, WITH POSSIBILITY THAT SEC. AND IMMIGRATION DEPT WILL ALSO STRIKE. TELECOMMUNICATIONS EMPLOYEES HERE ARE SCHEDULED TO STRIKE WITH ADDIS COLLEAGUES.
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